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Presidential Election and The LTTE



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While the country's both leaders of the main political parties are continuing their propaganda activities to get the country's top post -Executive Presidentship-, the LTTE had been engaging in carrying out deadly attacks against members of the security forces, political parties activists and other civilians not only in the north and east but also in other areas too.

Despite international pressures that not to carry out any assassination or other criminal activities, during the month of October the LTTE had carried out nearly dozen of killings and several dozens of attacks against the military, civilians and the political party activists.

Due to these barbaric activities, the European Union early October imposed a travel ban on the LTTE. Tamil leaders in Colombo too started to lodge their strong protest openly against the Tamil Tigers. In an attempt to lift the travel ban on them, the LTTE had started using its international arms by way of pursuing pressures on EU member countries. On October 24, LTTE's backed groups held a demonstration in Brussels against the EU countries and its leaders for imposing travel ban, on 26 September against them.

Mid of October, Leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front V, Ananandasangaree has requested them to save the Tamils from the control of the Fascist LTTE. Recently, Ananandasangaree wrote letters to all

heads of the diplomatic mission of the EU countries in Colombo, bringing to their notice that LTTE is remote-controlling from Vanni for a protest march on 24 October in Brussels against the EU countries and its leaders for imposing travel ban on 26 September against them.

In the Letter he emphasized, that LTTE is holding Sri Lanka to ransom and now it is trying to extend its terror and intimidation to the EU Countries and very soon to the entire world.

The TULF leader was of the opinion that the sanctions so far imposed on the LTTE was very mild. "It you take into consideration the numerous violations of the Ceasefire Agreement by the L.T.T.E and their denial of basic human rights to the Tamil People, forcibly kept by them under their subjugation, for many years, the sanctions imposed so far by the EU is very mild." Anandasangaree underlined that it was the provisions in the C.F.A., which enabled them to enter into the areas under the control of the Government. "Although their entry into these areas was limited to only 50 and 100 during the first two months, but from the 3rd month onwards they came into Government areas in very large numbers and today they are controlling almost all such areas - the North in particular," he said.

The TULF leader revealed that the people who had been enjoying all the rights in those areas have now been deprived of many of their basic rights. Hardly one day passes without at least one person getting killed in these areas. He further added, "Politically motivated killings, arbitrary arrests, harassments, abductions, detentions, torture, extortions, intimidations, disappearances and conscriptions are some of the many fundamental right viola-

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